

STEWART FARM

HARSEN'S ISLAND



The Stewart Farm is likely the oldest farm complex on Harsens Island. Harvey Stewart, a brewery and distillery owner from New York State, came to the Michigan Territory in 1810. Stewart, a widower, married Mary Graveraet in 1814. She was the granddaughter of Jacob Harsen, who settled on the island around 1778. Graveraet had inherited 640 acres originally owned by Harsen, but abandoned it during the war. In 1849 Aura Stewart purchased 53 acres of the farm and began building this house soon after. In 1876 he wrote his memoirs —a stirring account of nineteenth-century life on Harsens Island.

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